

Appl. No.: 10/824,089
Amendment dated April 28, 2006
Reply to Office Action of February 13, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Receipt of the Office Action mailed August 25, 2005 is acknowledged and the undersigned notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 8, 15, 22 and 23 are allowed and Claims 2, 4-7, 17-19 and 21 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 2 and Claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 4 and 5 have each been amended to include all of the limitations of Claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 4 and 5 as amended, and the claims which depend therefrom, namely 3, 6 and 7 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 17 and Claim 17 has been canceled. Claims 18 and 19 have each been amended to include all of the limitations of Claim 16 from which they depended. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 16, 18 and 19 as amended are in condition for allowance.

Claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 21 and it is respectfully submitted that Claim 20 is amended is therefore in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

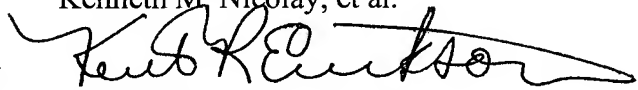
In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended are patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record and receipt of notification of allowance is respectfully requested.

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In the event that the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of this application can be advanced thereby, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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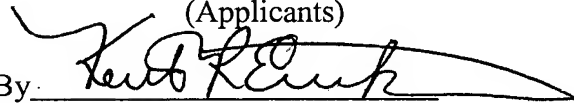
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